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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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International
Application No. : PCT/US00/12536
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For : A METHOD OF INDUCING FORMATION OF
KIDNEY EPITHELIA FROM MESENCHYMAL
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING \$371 NATIONAL STAGE
APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53**

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the
above-identified application:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 11, 15, 17, and 21 without disclaimer
or prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter
of these claims in a future continuation or divisional
application.

Please amend claims 10, 12-14, 16, and 18-20 as follows:

- 10. (Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the
effective amount of the gp130 receptor ligand is
an amount from about 5ng/ml to about 200 ng/ml.--
- 12. (Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the
effective amount of the gp130 receptor ligand is
cardiotrophin, an oncostatin M, a cliiary
neuronotrophic factor, or an interlukin-6.--
- 13. (Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the
growth factor is one or more of a TGF α , a FGF-2,
a FGF-9, a TIMP-1, or a TIMP-2.--